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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, CASC, DR

SUBJECT: THREE PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS

REF: STATE 218893

1. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, WE FIND PROPOSED INTERIM REPLY FAR TOO ANODYNE.

2. STRONGLY SUGGEST INTERIM REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. QUOTE

THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 4 REGARDING THE CASE OF THREE U.S. CITIZENS FROM PUERTO RICO WHO ARE IMPRISONED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT OUR EMBASSY IN SANTO DOMINGO AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THIS CASE AND THAT WE HAVE FOLLOWED IT VERY CLOSELY FROM THE BEGINNING. BASED UPON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, IT IS CLEAR THAT MANY OF THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER ARE AT VARIANCE WITH THE FACTS. BEFORE REPLYING IN FULL DETAIL TO YOUR LETTER, HOWEVER, WE HAVE SENT THE TEXT TO OUR EMBASSY IN SANTO DOMINGO TO OBTAIN THE LATEST INFORMATION IN THESE CASES.

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YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT WE HAVE TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO

EXPRESS OUR CONCERN TO THE DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES, AND WE HAVE BEEN  
IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. I  
UNDERSTAND THAT THE CASE IS STILL IN THE COURTS, SUBJECT TO APPEAL  
BY THE MEN UNDER DETENTION.

YOU MAY EXPECT A FURTHER REPLY WHEN WE HAVE RECEIVED THE  
EMBASSY'S RESPONSE. UNQUOTE

3. FOR DEPT'S INFO: LETTER OF CONGRESSMAN BADILLO ET AL AND ITS  
ACCOMPANYING PUBLIC STATEMENT ARE DISTORTIONS OF FACT. DEFENSE  
LAWYERS WERE NOT HARASSED, INTENSELY OR OTHERWISE; NONE OF THE  
PRISONERS SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK, SERIOUS OR OTHERWISE, MUCH LESS  
WAS REFUSED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THREE DAYS, AND NEITHER THE  
MEDICAL EXAMINATION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED NOR THE SEVERAL INTERVIEWS  
BY EMBASSY OFFICERS GAVE ANY INDICATION THAT ANY OF THE MEN HAD  
BEEN TORTURED.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH DEPT IS OF COURSE IN BEST POSITION TO JUDGE,  
IN OUR VIEW BEST WAY OF MEETING THESE SQIEEPING#AND BIASED ALLEGATIONS

IS TO ADOPT AGGRESSIVE STANCE, NOT TO DEFEND DOMINICAN JUSTICE, BUT  
TO SHAKE CONFIDENCE OF DODILLO AND COMPANY IN THE GUFF THEY  
ARE BEING FED. IN THIS LIGHT WE SHALL SUBMIT, AS REQUESTED,  
PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR A DEFINITIVE REPLY.  
HURWITCH

NOTE BY OCT: #TEXT AS RECEIVED.

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